

found growing in scattered colonies nearly to the top of Chalone Mountain, which is 3287 feet high.

Throughout most of its range *Viola pedunculata* exhibits very constant characters. In this area, however, subsp. *typica* does not occur but is to be found contiguous to subsp. *tenuifolia* on its south, west and north borders.

In 1902 C. A. Purpus collected *V. pedunculata* at Springville in Tulare County. Because this species had not before been reported outside the coastal area the data on the Purpus specimen were questioned. In March, 1943, Miss Ella Carter collected material from the Crawford Ranch, six miles below Trimmer Springs in Fresno County. Both of these collections are the subsp. *tenuifolia* and there seems no reason to further question the Purpus collection. These occurrences add another species to the growing list of Coast Range plants that have disjunct ranges between the Coast Ranges and the southern Sierra Nevada foothills.

In the Tertiary there was an arm of the ocean extending into the San Joaquin Valley in the region where this violet has been collected. This may explain its presence as small relict colonies in an arid region where it is possibly doomed to final extinction.

VIOLA PRAEMORSA Dougl. subsp. *linguaefolia* (Nutt. ex Torr. and Gray) comb. nov. *V. linguaefolia* Nutt. ex Torr. and Gray, Fl. N. Am. 1: 141. 1838.

VIOLA PRAEMORSA Dougl. subsp. *major* (Hook.) comb. nov. *V. Nuttallii* var. *major* Hook. Fl. Bor. Am. 1: 79. 1830.

Kenwood, California

NEWS AND NOTES

DISPOSITION OF THE WILLIS LINN JEPSON ESTATE. The estate of Willis Linn Jepson who died on November 7, 1946, was recently accepted by the Regents of the University of California for the Department of Botany on the Berkeley Campus. The will provides an endowment fund of \$320,000 and stipulates that it be used for the care and maintenance of the Jepson herbarium (estimated at 40,000 specimens) and library, the completion of the "Flora of California," the revision of the "Manual of the Flowering Plants of California," and the furtherance of studies on the flowering plants of California and adjacent areas. The research funds are to be administered for the Regents by a committee whose initial membership, as set up in the will, comprises Dr. Alva R. Davis, Professor of Botany and Dean of the College of Letters and Science as chairman, Dr. Helen Mar Wheeler, Research Associate in Botany, and Dr. Lincoln Constance, Professor of Botany. One of the foremost tasks of this committee will be to see that this invaluable material, the basis for Dr. Jepson's published works, is properly mounted and housed.—L. CONSTANCE.